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SUBJECT: LEGALIZATION OF MINOR PARTIES

1. INTERIOR MINISTER MARTIN VILLA ANNOUNCED JULY 9
THE LEGALIZATION OF THREE SMALL LEFTIST PARTIES: THE
PARTIDO DEL TRABAJO DE ESPANA (PTE, SPANISH LABOR PARTY),
THE ORGANIZATION REVOLUTIONARIA DE TRABAJADORES (ORT,
REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF WORKERS), AND THE PARTIDO
CARLISTA (CARLIST PARTY), INITIALLY RULED ILLEGAL IN
THE VERY DIFFERENT ATMOSPHERE OF FEBRUARY, THEY HAD BEEN
APPEALING EVER SINCE. THE TWO FORMER ARE MAOIST, WHILE
THE CARLISTS ADVOCATE A MIXED BAG OF LEFTIST REFORMS
WHILE CONTINUING, NOT VERY SERIOUSLY, TO PRESS THE CLAIMS
TO THE THRONE OF THEIR LEADER PRINCE CARLOS HUGO.

2. IN HIS STATEMENT, MARTIN VILLA IMPLIED THAT THE
REMAINING ILLEGAL PARTIES (ALL SMALL, AND NEARLY ALL
EXTREME LEFTIST) WOULD SOON BE LEGALIZED, NOW THAT THEIR
APPLICATIONS ARE IN GOVT HANDS. THE SUPREME COURT RECENTLY
RETURNED THESE AND 46 SIMILAR CASES TO THE GOVT, DECLARING
ITSELF INCOMPETENT TO RULE ON SUCH ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL
DECISIONS, JUST AS IT DID EARLIER IN THE VASTLY MORE
IMPORTANT LEGALIZATION OF THE SPANISH COMMUNISTS.

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3. COMMENT: THE EVENTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF ANY GROUP NOT
ENGAGED IN TERRORISM APPEARS INEVITABLE IN THE
CURRENT ATMOSPHERE. THIS GOVT DECISION WAS UNDOUBTEDLY
EASED BY THE POOR SHOWING (THROUGH FRONT GROUPS OR
ELECTORAL ALLIANCES) OF THE MARGINAL LEFTISTS IN THE
RECENT ELECTIONS: NONE OF THE THREE PARTIES NOW

LEGALIZED WAS ABLE TO TAKE EVEN ONE SEAT. STABLER

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